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FUEL ECONOMY GUIDE HELPS NEW CAR SHOPPERS FIND MOST FUEL EFFICIENT VEHICLES

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Idahoans reeling from record high gasoline prices may soon feel like shopping for more fuel-efficient vehicles, and the Idaho Energy Division has a free publication that can help them determine which ones to consider, the Division announced today.

The 2003 Fuel Economy Guide provides city and highway mileage ratings for every vehicle sold in the United States. Cars, trucks, sport utility vehicles and vans each are categorized so consumers can compare vehicles in the same class. Vehicles weighing more than 8,500 pounds are not included because fuel economy regulations do not apply to them.

The guide is available free from the Idaho Energy Division by calling the toll free Idaho Energy Hotline at (800) 334-SAVE (7283). You can also request a copy by email at: IDWRInfo@idwr.state.id.us.

A section of the Guide also includes the fuel economy leaders grouped according to their size. This allows consumers to find at a glance the most fuel-efficient vehicle in the vehicle size they desire.

For example, in the two-seater class, people looking for the best possible gas mileage should look at the two-seat Honda Insight, a hybrid electric vehicle. That car is rated at 61 miles per gallon in town and 68 mpg on the highway. Conversely, the two-seat, 12-cylinder Ferrari Enzo is rated at just 8 mpg in town and 12 mpg on the highway.

These two vehicles also represent the two extremes of fuel economy in all the vehicles included in the guide.

The guide also provides tips for improving fuel economy, information on why fuel economy can vary and other valuable information. It was produced by the U.S. Department of Energy and the Environmental Protection Agency.